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Epistemological-Hermeneutics on Evolution of Religious Understanding

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# BIOGRAPHY

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Reza Rouzbeh & Asghar Karbaschiyan Poem & Exegesis Interpretation

Ali Syariati **Humanism & Marxist**  Mulla Shadra, Faiz Khassani Hafiz, al-Ghazali, Rumi

Born in Teheran, Muharram 10th 1945 'Alavi & Murtazawi Secondary School Military Services (Conscription)

University of London **Analytical Chemistry** 

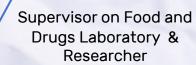


Qamiyyah Primary School

Murtadha Muthhahhari & al-Thathaba'iy Islamic Philosophy

**Teheran University** Pharmacology

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Aristotelian, Atom & Reality of Induction: Immanuel Kant. David Hume, Karl R. Popper Modern Science



King's College History and Philosophy of Science



BIOGRAPHY

King's College History and Philosophy of Chair on Science Department of Islamic Culture at Return to Iran Post-Teheran Teacher's Revolution, College unfinished study **Advisory Council** 29 Sept 1979 Member on Universities closed on Cultural Academy of by political reason Revolution of Iran Philosophy in Iran Spring 1980 Revise the Participate on Research Center curriculum several scientific for Humanities and forum, public Social Sciences Visiting Professor lecture, etc Consist on critics to Harvard University, the Government Yale University, Princeton University, Wissenschaftkolleg



# ACADEMIC ANXIETY





#### **Revivalists of The Past**

Attempts to re-define the substance of religion

Al-Ghazali, Faiz Kasyani, Jalaluddin Rumi, Syabistari, Amuli, dan Dihlawi (Rumi)



#### **Revivalists of Today**

Reconciling eternity and temporality

Sayyid Jamal Asad Abadi, Muhammad Iqbal, Muhammad 'Abduh, Rasyid Ridha, Ali Syariati, Khomeini, Murthadha Muthahhari



## Soroush

Penetration of modern sciences into the understanding of religion

Reflective-Revivalism

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**Academic Anxiety** 



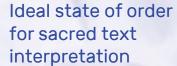


Collective-Competitive nature of science

Disparity of interpretation between philosopher and politician









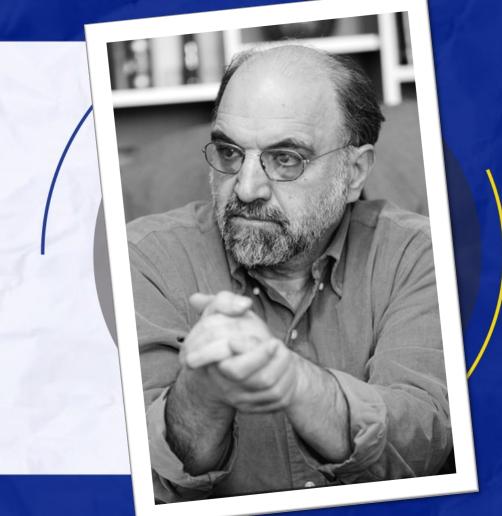
Authority vs subjectivity of truth claims



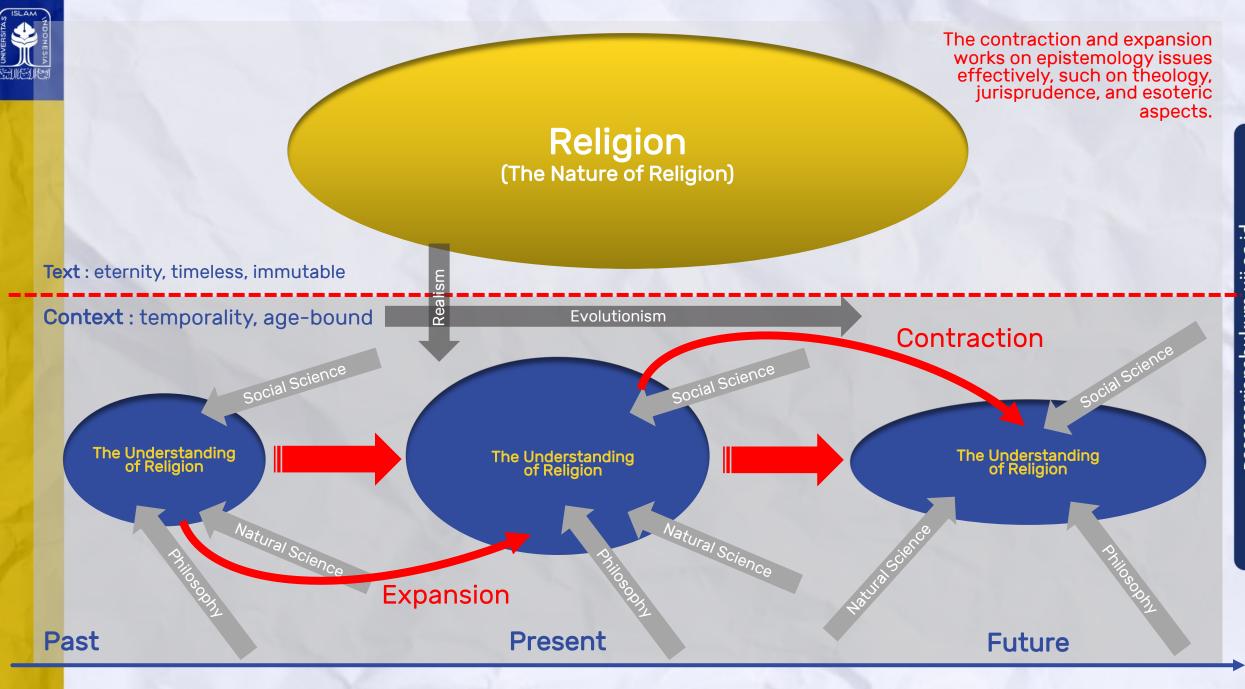
IDEA

### Qabz va Bast-e Teoric Shari'at-ya Nazariyeh-ye Takāmol-e Ma'refat-e Dini

Penyusutan dan Pengembangan Interpretasi Agama
The Contraction and Expansion of Religious Interpretation



"to explicate the process through which religion is understood, and the manner in which this understanding undergoes change"

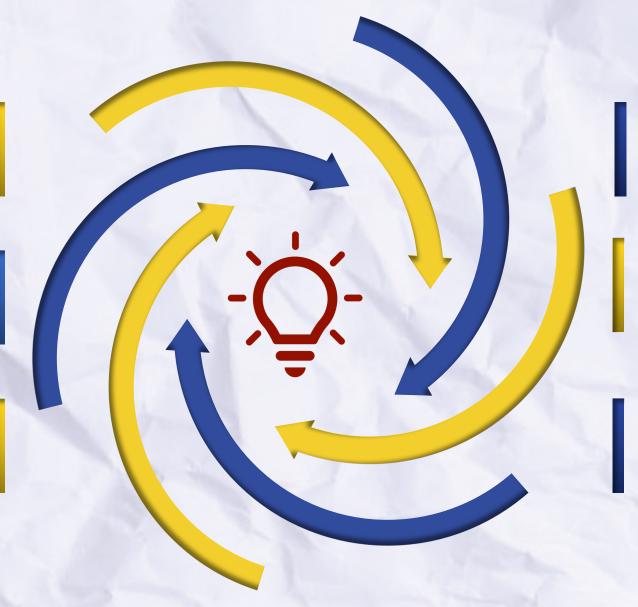


**Postulates** 

Religion, or revelation for that matter, is silent.

The science of religion is relative, that is, relative to presuppositions.

The science of religion is age-bound, because presuppositions are.



Revealed religion itself may be true and free from contradictions, but the science of religion is not necessarily so.

Religion may be perfect or comprehensive, but not so for the science of religion.

Religion is divine, but its interpretation is thoroughly human and this worldly.

### **Main Principles**

Jackson, 2006; Bagir, 2001



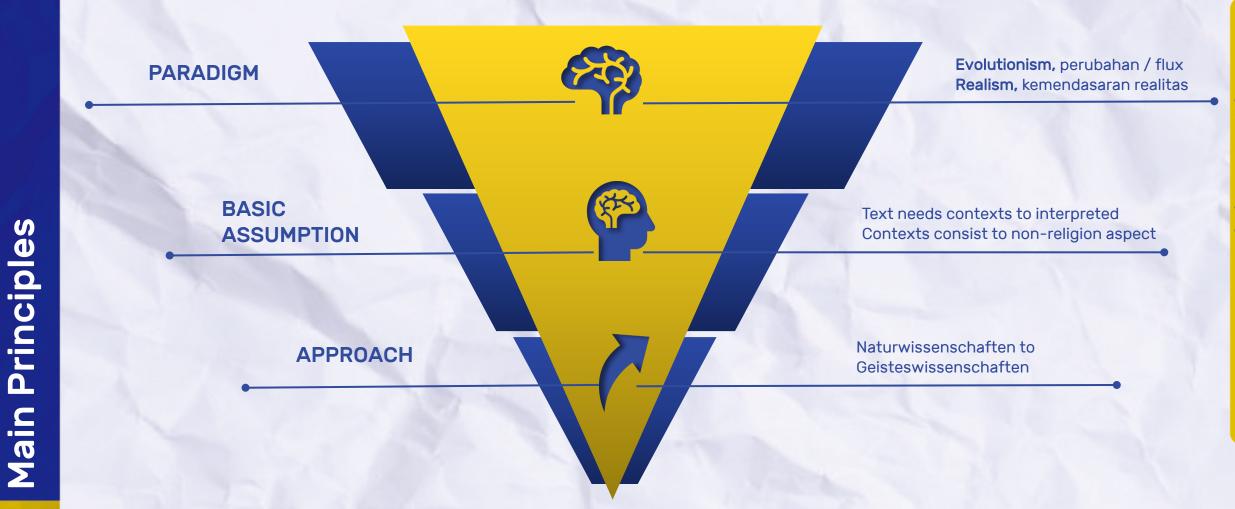
Coherency & Correspondence



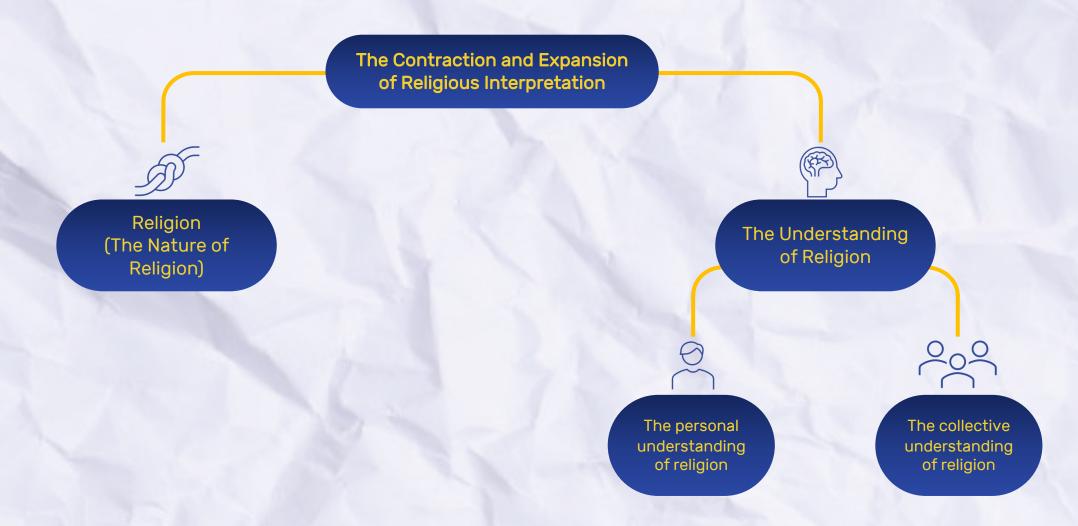
Inter-penetration



**Evolution** 









& Critics

Responds



The use of the falsification principle of Karl R. Popper to Soroush's theory.

The steady transformation and interconnectivity of all sciences as posited by Popper leads to a relativity of knowledge and ultimately to scepticism.

#### Mehrzad Boroujerdi

Where precisely does Soroush draw the boundary between religion and religious knowledge?

Is this merely a subjective division or are there criteria to guide in this separation?



The ambivalences between postulates that the religion is silent The human understanding above the nature of religion?